



Farmers Market and Local Food Promotion Programs Accepting Proposals

This week, the USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service announced that the Farmers Market Promotion Program (FMPP) and the Local Food Promotion Program (LFPP) are now accepting **proposals through May 12, 2016**. Approximately \$13 million is available for each of these programs, and the maximum grant awards have increased to \$500,000.

The [Specialty Crop Block Grant](#) program period is also open and applicants may submit their proposals through their state agricultural departments.

Applications for FMPP and LFPP must be submitted electronically through www.Grants.gov. Applicants should start the Grants.gov registration process as soon as possible to ensure that they meet the deadline.

AMS will host a webinar on March 24, 2016, at 2 p.m. (Eastern Time) for FMPP and LFPP applicants ([registration link](#)). For more information about webinars, visit the AMS grants website: www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants.

In addition, AMS will host www.Grants.gov webinars on March 22 ([registration link](#)) and March 29 ([registration link](#)), both at 2 p.m. (Eastern Time), to explain how to submit grant applications via www.Grants.gov.

Additional grant writing workshops will be held through the Agricultural Marketing Service Technical Assistance (AMSTA) Project. Please visit www.amsta.net to see if training is scheduled in your area.

More details are available:

[Farmers Market Promotion Program](#)

[Local Food Promotion Program](#)

[Info on AMS training webinars](#)

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